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From: Lynn Reeder 595 Fullmer lane Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Regarding the meeting held on Friday Feb. 20, 2004.

I came away with the feeling that the board and the water users were trying to railroad me into contracting the river rider position. I was under the impression that I would be paid every month and the taxes would be deducted from my check. Now I find out that because of no fault of my own there is a shortage of funds to operate and fund the watermaster position for the 2004 irrigation season. It seems that it was the consensus of those at the February meeting that because there wasn't enough money that I should just perform my duties without any compensation. This is in direct conflict with the January meeting. I feel that District 27 has not been honest with me. Also their have been added duties, due it the adjudacation and from the committee, that the previous watermaster did not have responsibility for. It was a push to work for the wages and mileage that was offered in January. With the extra responsibilities and the greater record keeping that was required it is not economically feasible to do the job for less money. Therefore I am obligated to resign the position of watermaster for the 2004 irrigation season. Water resources have not sworn me in in Idaho Falls so it shouldn't be a problem to find another person to fill the position.

Thank you



Lynn Reeder
Feb.23, 2004

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To The Waterusers of River Dist. # 27,

This is my tenth year of being Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer for this water District. As of the last meeting I was made to feel, by some at the meeting, that I was not doing my job to please them. After the 10% increase was put into effect they felt that this increase of money should be left over at the first of the year. It was not.

In presenting the financial statement I tried to explain that workman's comp. and the Fort Hall expenses ate most of it up. As that was not understood and after a hurtful remark by one of the members, I felt I should just resign as Sec./Treas.

I have completed all the year end records for 2003 that were due this January 2004. I am giving all past records I have kept, plus the ones handed to me when I took over, to Layne Hamilton, chairman.

For all these years and for the work I have put into this job I have been very underpaid. I figured up about what I was getting paid for a years work and it came to about \$2.00 an hour. At the meeting I asked for a raise (\$120.00 which would bring it up to \$1000.00). I was told by Layne "no" and it was ignored and never discussed. That sent a message to me that I wasn't worth all the effort I have been putting into this job.

So I am resigning as Sec/Treas. of Blackfoot River Dist # 27 as of February 14, 2004.

I have kept a record of all hours put in since January 1, 2004, and I am charging \$10.00 an hour for 55½ hours. Following is a summary of the hours and dates.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Jan 5	8
" 6	7
" 7	6
" 8	4
" 10	4
" 12	3
" 13	6
" 14	3½
" 15	3½
" 16	1½
" 17	2½
" 20	20 min
" 26	20 "
" 31	2½
Feb 2	1
" 9	<u>2 hr. 20 min.</u>
Total	55½ hrs.

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[Signature: Lola Dawn Hernandez]

BUDGET PROBLEMS

2003 Proposed Budget \$25,9350 plus 10%
Total \$28,528.50

Fort Hall Project 60% \$17,117.10
Natural Flow Users 40% \$11,411.40

Natural Flow Users billed for \$10,210.59
under billing--\$1,205.81

2004 Proposed Budget \$26,520.00

Fort Hall Project 60% \$15,912.00
Natural Flow 40% \$10,608.00

Natural Flow Users billed \$9,003.97
under billing \$1,604.03

Total under billing for two years \$2,809.84

All under billing was to Natural Flow Users